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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Armando Pombeiro, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/532,387

Filed: April 21, 2005

For: VANADIUM CATALYSTS AND PROCESS FOR
THE DIRECT CONVERSION OF METHANE INTO
ACETIC ACID

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: Unknown

Attorney Docket No: 10866/004

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

☒ RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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Fee calculation:

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☐ No additional fee is required.

☐ Small Entity.

☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

☒ A petition or surcharge in an amount of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).

☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | | | | | Small Entity | | | Not a Small Entity | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Add'l Fee | or | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| Total | | Minus | | | x \$25= | | | x \$50= | |
| Indep. | | Minus | | | x 100= | | | x \$200= | |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | | +\$180= | | | +\$360= | |
| | | | | | Total | \$ | | Total | \$ |

Fee payment:

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above-identified fee(s) is enclosed.

☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$130.00. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Nov. 2, 2005
Date

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Serial No.: 10/532,387) Examiner: Not Yet Known
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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371
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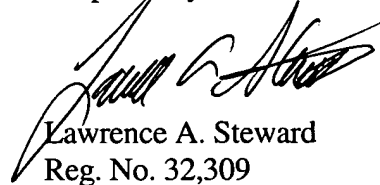
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Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under
35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed
September 2, 2005, in the above-referenced application. The following items are enclosed
herewith:

1. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), as required;
2. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application executed by the inventors, Armando POMBEIRO, João FRAUSTO DA SILVA, Yuzo FUJIWARA, José Armando SILVA, Patricia M. REIS, and António F. PALAVRA, and identifying the above-referenced application to which it relates; and
3. A Transmittal (in duplicate) submitting the enclosed documents and authorizing the debit of the large entity surcharge amount of \$130.00 to the Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date Mailed: 09/02/2005

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/21/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/21/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/21/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 04/21/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/21/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 04/21/2005

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$ 130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY TWO MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)